

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

Foreign Service nomination beginning with Robert Goldberg and ending with Robert Goldberg (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nomination:

J. Russell George, of Virginia, to be Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury.

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:56 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 20, 2003. (For Senate's Program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S15210).

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

THE ARMY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded an open and closed hearing to examine current Army issues, including the Active, Army Reserve, and Army National Guard units, focusing on "Winning the Peace" in Iraq, the Global War on Terror, and the Rest and Recuperation (R&R) Leave Program, after receiving testimony from Les Brownlee, Acting

Secretary of the Army; and General Peter J. Schoomaker, USA, Chief of Staff, United States Army.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to discuss certain pending nominations.

AGROTERRORISM

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the threat of agroterrorism, focusing on strategies to secure the agricultural infrastructure, the Foreign Animal Disease and Plum Island Animal Disease Center, ensuring the safety and security of the Nation's food supply, industry guidance and preventive measures, vulnerability and threat assessments, Operation Liberty Shield, and emergency preparedness and response, after receiving testimony from Senator Talent; Penrose Albright, Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Science and Technology; Lester M. Crawford, Deputy Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Charles Lambert, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs; Thomas McGinn, North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Raleigh; Colleen O'Keefe, Illinois Department of Agriculture, Springfield; and Peter Chalk, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California.

NOMINATIONS:

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of William James Haynes II, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Warner and Allen; Louis Guirola, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, who was introduced by Senators Cochran and Lott; Virginia E. Hopkins, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, who was introduced by Senators Sessions and Shelby; and Kenneth M. Karas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.